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SUBJ: PERIODIC GATT REVIEW PURSUANT TO ROMANIAN ACCESSION  
PROTOCOL

1. PETRESCOU OF LOCAL ROMANINA MISSION CALLED ON US TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR GATT WP UNDER ROMANIAN ACCESSION PROTOCOL. HE NOTED ROMANIANS HAD NOT BEEN ANXIOUS TO HOLD MEETING UNTIL THERE WAS CHANCE OF SOME MOVEMENT BY EUROPEANS ON DISCRIMINATORY QRS, AND CONSEQUENTLY MEETING WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD LAST YEAR HAS ALREADY BEEN POSTPONED TWICE. (ROMANIAN POSITION IS THAT THEY HAVE FULLY MET THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER ACCESSION PROTOCOL.) ROMANIANS CONSIDER IT WOULD BE OUT OF ORDER TO POSTPONE AGAIN, SO MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN NOVEMBER. ROMANIA HOPES THER WILL BE AN ITEM-BY-ITEM DISCUSSION OF WEST EUROPEAN DISCRIMINATORY QRS, WITH COUNTRIES MAINTAINING SUCH RESTRICTIONS OBLIGED TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR EACH. HE SAID ROMANIA HAS PROBLEM PRIMARILY WITH EC. SWEDEN  
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AND NORWAY HAVE A FEW, MAINLY TEXTILES. FINLAND HAS

MANY AND IS LINKING ABOLITION TO NEGOTIATION OF "FREE  
TRADE ARRANGEMENT" SUCH AS FINLAND HAS WORKED OUT WITH  
OTHER EES. IN PASSING, HE SAID ROMANIA IS UNDER  
CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM FINLAND TO NEGOTIATE "FTA",  
WITH ISSUE BEING PRESSED ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS.  
PETRESCOU SAID THAT MAJOR OFFENDER CONCERNING DISCRIMI-  
NATORY QRS, HOWEVER, IS EC WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE NUMBER  
OF DISCRIMINATORY QRS CONCERNING BOTH TEXTILES AND  
OTHER PRODUCTS. HE SAID THERE IS POSSIBILITY  
OF BILATERAL ROMANIAN-EC AGREEMENT UNDER MFA, ALTHOUGH  
UP TO NOW, ACCORDING TO PETRESCOU, EC NEGOTIATING "OFFER"  
WOULD DO NO MORE THAN LEGALIZE EXISTING EC RESTRICTIONS.

2. HE SAID HE CALLING ON NUMBER OF GATT MISSIONS TO  
SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN CASE IN WP AND NOTED THAT  
IN SOME OTHER WP MEETINGS U.S. HAD SPOKEN OUT AGAINST  
DISCRIMINATORY QRS. WE RESPONDED THAT U.S. DID FAVOR  
ELIMINATORY QRS. WE RESPONDED THAT U.S. DID FAVOR  
ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS WHICH WERE INCONSISTENT WITH  
GATT ACCESSION PROTOCOLS, BUT NOTED THE FACT THAT WE  
DID NOT HAVE GATT RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA AND WERE NOT  
PARTY TO ACCESSION PROTOCOL MIGHT TEND TO INHIBIT ACTIVE  
U.S. ROLE IN THIS CASE. WE DID, HOWEVER, PROMISE TO  
REPORT HIS REPRESENTATION TO WASHINGTON.CATTO

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